

# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX Alert Frequencies

147.50 Simplex

147.795/T - 147.195/R(tone7) KN4B

DX Packet

W8ZF 145.63

W1UA 145.61

K4KG 144.91

Reg Chew Frequencies

147.47 147.52 147.54 147.795T/147.195R(Tone7) KN4B

### Next Meeting - Tuesday, December 18, 1990 - 7:30 PM

Different Location - GE Office at 9000 Central Park West, between Abernathy & Peachtree-Dunwoody Roads  
Please See Map enclosed - Our thanks to Wayne, W4LVM, for the use of the "hall" and the map.

Program: Videos: "Pile-Up Busters," 10 min. and "It Started with a Broken Fence," 15 min.

For those that missed it, a rerun of XW8DX and XW8CW Expedition, 20 min.

**QRZ FROM KC4MJ**

First off - a Happy Holiday Season to all and a Healthy New Year.

Boy, where did this year go? As most of you know, Verne Fowler, W8BLA (of QRP fame) has agreed to step in as Activities Manager of the SEDX Club. I think Mr. QRP has some interesting things brewing. Seems the rumor mill has a new one - this time YA. Yep, it is possible we may see Afghanistan on the air before the end of the year. That and ZA - what a great finish for a great DX year. On other items: further on in the newsletter is a letter/suggestion from Dave, K4JRB, concerning a DXPO. Personally I think it has great merit - lets talk about it at the December meeting. Wayne, W4LVM has made available the conference room at his office, a beautiful facility with all sorts of video projection systems - directions elsewhere in the newsletter.

On the DXCC desk - still about 7 months behind - and according to ARRL they have 32 people working on the backlog. To quote Jim Altman, "What a morass!" I wonder how long it will take to catch up.

In talking with John, PA3CXC, he indicated a good possibility he will activate Ethiopia and Uganda some time early next year. More to follow on that. Last month's program was fantastic - we had a good turn out. Dr. Bob Roper (VK5PU) gave an interesting and very informative presentation on propagation. We had a huge turnout of over 40 folks - some resorting to

**QRZ FROM KC4MJ (Cont'd) ...**

sitting on tables. Thanks Bob for a super program. Don't miss the December meeting.

With regard to the Amateur Radio participation, the Atlanta Olympic Committee has said thanks but no thanks! If we need you, we'll call you in 4 or 5 years. Oh, well! A lot of folks from different groups and clubs hope they will change their mind. Again, Happy Holidays and a great New Year to all.

73 - Neil, KC4MJ

Claimed Scores - CQ WW		
	SSB	CW
P40T	12,500,000	
WA4CTC	862,568	920,700
WA4CUG	875,292	
W8BLA	112,330	748,707
W4LVM	43,600	402,566
K4EZ		284,791
WA4FTM	52,245	112,591
KB4SSS	43,319	
K2UFT		18,816
K4TEA	12,033	1,856
N4VYZ	1,210	(160 m.)

\$\$\$\$\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$\$\$\$\$\$

Checking Balance:	\$4,365.56
Dues:	36.00
Cash on Hand	33.00
Total Assets:	\$4,434.56
Outstanding Invoice - HRO	47.04
Net Assets (11/20/90)	\$4,387.52

Sam Silverman, KB4NJ - Treasurer

### MAILBAG

Letter to Neil Foster From Dave, K4JRB:

"I spoke with Fred K3ZO recently and he tells me the Nations Capital DXClub has given up plans for DXPO due to lack of interest from both the sponsorship and attendance standpoint. This leaves only the W1 and W9 DXCC functions as official East of the Mississippi DX events.

I propose (formally) that the SEDXC combine DXPO with the Atlanta Hamfestival. All that would be required would be an expansion of the DX forum and perhaps a hospitality suite for both before and after the banquet!

A logical schedule would be:

**Saturday:**

- 2 to 4 PM - Session 1 DXPO
- 4 to 6 PM - Hospitality Suite
- 6 to 7 PM - Open Bar
- 7 to 10 PM - Banquet
- 10 pm to ??? - Hospitality

**Sunday**

- 8 AM - DX Breakfast
- 10 to 11 AM - Session 2 DXPO

We charge for the banquet and breakfast and ask for donations for the other.

This vehicle will enhance the Hamfestival and will bring out many locals who don't show up for DXPO because of the cost.

73 David L. Thompson, K4JRB

Wanted: Dead, preferably.....

Ceramic Transmitting Tubes with open filament or intermittent. Especially interested in 8874's. Will pay \$10 for handling and any shipping charges. Need for experiments.- Mike Greenway, K4PI

#### P40T Update

The trip to Aruba for the CQ WW SSB was very successful. This was our first trip to Aruba for the CQ WW SSB. We had three operators: WX4G, W3BTX and K4PI. We were in the Multi-Single Category. We had 7000 after dupes for a total score of around 12.5 million points. This is an improvement over last year's PJ8 by about 1.5 million. This was our first year at P4 and we learned lots of things we can do to improve next year. This group has improved its score every year since 1986. With sunspot activity going down we don't know how much longer we can continue to do so. We used a TA33, FT757 and FL2100Z for the Mult station and the runner used a TH2 (2 El. Tribander), TS930 and FL2100Z. On the low bands we used a Butternut HF2 and 40/80 dipoles. Most of the time during the day we were driven into the foreign part of the bands because we were covered up by stateside and Europe working each other. We usually came back into the US band mid-afternoon. You can rule the band from P4 on a Monday but during the contest it will take a large beam and more than legal limit. Hope to see you again next year. Bob, WX4G was back for the CQ WW CW as P40J. Don't know his score yet. 73 Mike K4PI



#### DXCC Carol

It came upon the ether clear  
That sweet tone from afar  
The dits and dahs are reaching out  
I finally got through to Qatar.  
Joy in the shack, shout to the world,  
Confirm that QSO.  
Send it direct, soon as you can  
Forget about the Bureau.

#### Meeting Minutes

November 20, 1990

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by KC4MJ. Officers present in addition were K4ODL - VP, KB4NJ - Treas., K2UFT - Sec'y. Guests present were KS4Q and K4OQK.

KC4MJ announced that despite rumors to the contrary, he is not the QSL manager for PA3CXC's ST0 operation, he merely has a supply of John's permanent QSL card which he will be happy to swap out for your temporary QSL card if you'll submit the temporary to Niel along with an SASE for return. Niel related the harrowing time John had recently in being grounded by Libyan forces firing upon the UN plane in which John was a passenger. John is now signing KN4NL/AE due to his upgrade to extra.

N4UCK announced substantial progress on a Cobb County tower ordinance. It's fairly certain that all towers erected prior to 9/25/84 are grandfathered. After that date you needed a land-use permit for your tower to be in compliance. Jim is working with the zoning and building folks toward passing a favorable tower ordinance.

K4UEE surpassed his previous record in the recent DX Test by 8.9%!

Changes are taking place in the League - there are reportedly 21 members on the special team working on the DXCC backlog. It appears as if Penguin Island will be a new country, the fate of Jarvis is not as certain. The credit for 708 operation is an uncertainty right now.

K4ODL reported that the SE DX Club was second in the US for the 160 meter contest. Randy urged members to contribute towards putting us in first place on the next one.

N4XMX moved that the SE DX Club donate the funds necessary (\$11) to forward a past edition of the US Callbook to the UQ1GWW group. Motion was seconded and carried.

KC4MJ noted that our Activities Manager had not renewed his membership for this year so it would not be possible for him to continue in the post. The Secretary was directed to send KM9P a letter thanking him for his participation and expressing

#### Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

the hope that Bill would be able to rejoin us in the future when his schedule permitted. W8BLA has been named to take Bill's place as Activities Manager.

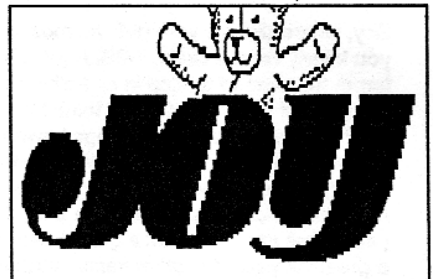
VK5QW sends his regards to the Club from Adelaide.

KC4MJ introduced our own resident VK5, Dr. Bob Roper, VK5PU, who presented an interesting program on propagation. Bob explained that he is an ionospheric physicist, one of a fast disappearing breed. Bob indicated that he was not at all involved in the study of planetary alignments as might have been suggested by last month's Newsletter.

Next meeting will be held at W4LVM's office space on the 5th floor at 9000 Central Park West, located between Peachtree-Dunwoody and Ashford-Dunwoody Roads, just North of Perimeter Center Mall. A map with verbal directions is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Once you get near the site look for an eight story silver-blue glass building sporting the sign of the EnterpriseNational Bank.

73 de Dick, K2UFT - Secretary



#### Ham's Lament

SSB, ATV, FM, FSK - Oh, what fun it is to play on the radio all day!

PKT, SSTV, Morse Code, PSK, Oh, what fun it is to play on the radio all day!

Oh, I hate Christmas Day 'Cause the radio store is dark

With my radio I want to play But I need a brand new part.

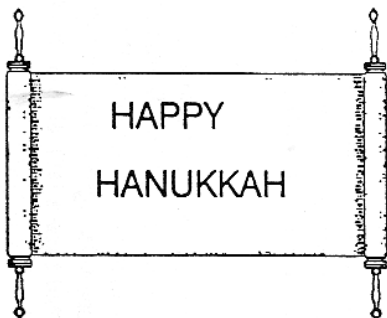
My family's mean to me I never get my way

They put the tree in my shack this year So they'd see me Christmas Day!

Deadline - Next Issue - Friday, January 11, 1991

Send me your ARRL Ten Meter Scores so we can get 'em in print!

*Didn't see the article you wanted to read? I'm not too good at guessing... my phone number's on the masthead along with my BBS address if you want to send me a file electronically. I don't mind typing up short articles, want ads, etc. but simply don't have the time to type long articles. Send them in hard copy suitable for Xeroxing and they'll make the next issue.*



# FLASH

The following is from Romeo Stephanenko, 3W3RR, in Moscow: "My second Dxpedition to Spratly Island is delayed and would begin early next year because I received a license to operate from Afghanistan. This license has been checked by the DXCC desk and found acceptable by their requirements. My call sign is YA0RR. I hope to start operating at the end of December, 1990 immediately after the necessary sum of money is collected. It depends on how soon you can hear YA on the air. Any donations are much appreciated and should be sent to:

Edward Kritsky NT2X  
 P. O. Box 715  
 Brooklyn, NY 11230

Early Results - 10 Meter Test:  
 N4UCK - 278,720 - Mixed  
 W8BLA - 89,600 - CW  
 K2UFT - 43,824 - CW

Mini - Contest  
 2300Z Dec. 28 to 1300 Dec. 30  
 160 Meters Only, SSB & CW  
 Most total Countries and States wins  
 A suitable prize for the winner.  
 Have fun de W8BLA

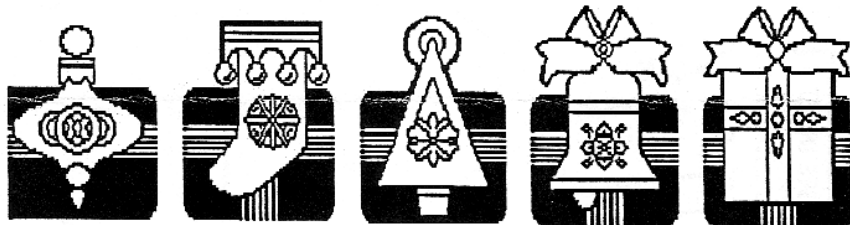
## Expedition to PY0S -

The NATal DX Group is mounting an expedition to St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks in May, 1991, taking 5 operators for ten days, all bands (incl. 6 m), CW/SSB and their goal is to make 20,000 QSO's.

Karl Mesquita Leite, PS7KM is coordinating the trip and has written to Neil requesting support from the SEDXC. They estimate the trip will cost \$9,000 (US) and are appealing to various clubs since they have no hope of raising the funds locally.

If you wish to support them individually, send it air mail, registered to:

NATAL DX GROUP  
 CAIXA POSTAL 597  
 59021 NATAL, RN  
 BRAZIL



Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow,  
 Our hearts are light and gay  
 To HRO we go  
 Smiling all the way.  
 The XYL gave us  
 A gift certificate  
 and she promised not to fuss  
 if we spent it all at once. Oh...

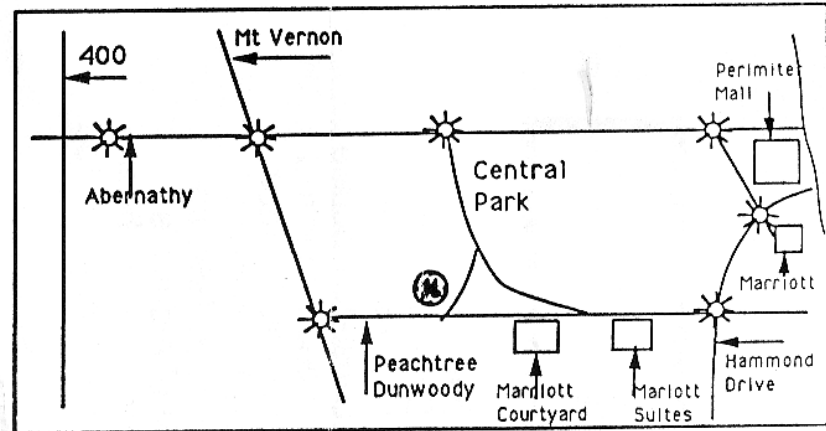
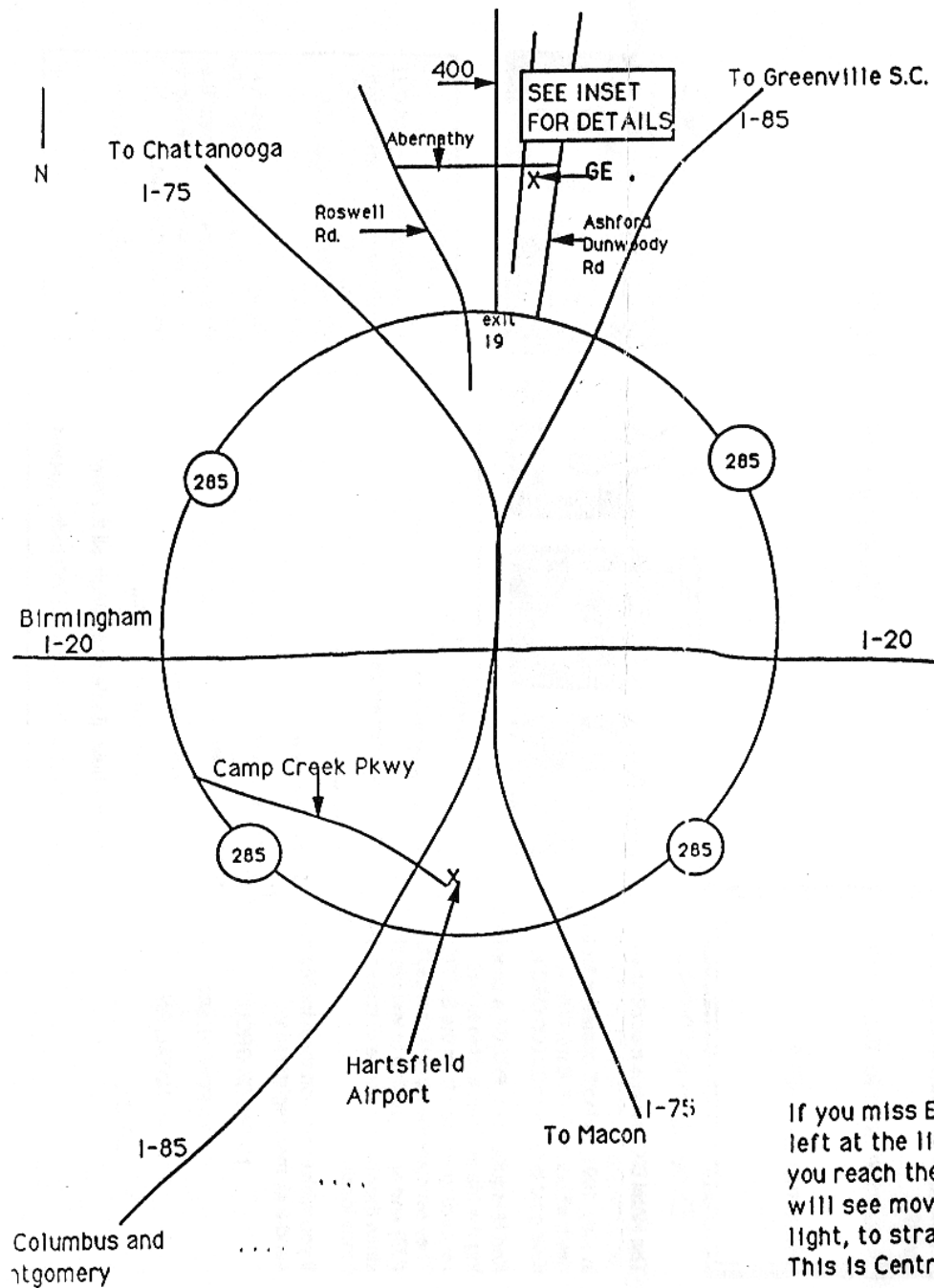
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way  
 Oh what fun it is to go to HRO today. (repeat)

KUDOS

To Deborah Gaudler, N4WLU for allowing the reproduction of some of her *FRACTURED CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR HAMS*.

We've saved a few in reserve for our Seasonal meeting. Be sure to show up and hear the Ham's version of Silent Night and Deck the Mast.

Happy Holidays to one and all!



The GE office at Central park is approximately 34 miles from Hartsfield Airport.

Take Camp Creek Parkway out of the Airport. Camp Creek parkway begins at Hartsfield.

When you reach I-285 (the major beltway around Atlanta called the Perimeter) go North (this is the first exit to 285 you come to). Carry on around the Perimeter until you reach Exit 19. This will indicate Route 400 North to Dahlonega. This exit is just a few yards past the Johnson's Ferry exit.

Once you are on Route 400, go to your first exit. This will be numbered Exit #2, Dunwoody. Take the first exit (east). The far right lane ends at the first traffic light and the second right lane must turn right at the second light. The first light is a minor intersection and the second light is a major intersection (Mount Vernon Highway). You want to go straight through both traffic lights. Take a right at the first traffic light past Mt. Vernon -- this is Central Park. Proceed along this road past the tall building on the left with fountains (7000 Central Park West), and take your first right to 9000 Central Park West and another right into the parking decks.

If you miss Exit 19, Route 400, you can take Exit 21, Ashford Dunwoody Road. Go left at the light at the top of the ramp and continue on Ashford Dunwoody until you reach the first traffic light PAST the Mall that is NOT a mall entrance. (You will see movie theatre's on your left just before this light). Take a left at this light, to straight through the next two lights and take a left at the third light. This is Central Park.